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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 First Named Inventor: Ouderkirk, Andrew J. 09/013819 Application No.: Group Art Unit: 2872 Filed: January 27, 1998 Examiner: Shafer, R. Title: OPTICAL POLARIZER This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. iii. Other \boxtimes Enclosed b. Amendment/Reply i. ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS iii. 2. A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.) The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to: Deposit Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this letter for fees processing is enclosed. RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) Other Respectfully submitted, William D. Miller, Reg. No.: Telephone No.: (651) 733-6649 Office of Intellectual Property Counsel 3M Innovative Properties Company Facsimile No.: (651) 736-3833 Certificate of Mailing or Transmission I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark, Office on the date indicated below: Signature: Sent-to-Facsimile No.: Printed Name: Date: 7-2-04 Heather M. Bundy

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